in regard to every irregularity detected during the Director's visit; but action has been taken by the present Acting Director in regard to every irregularity that has been detected and the persons guilty of irregularities have been reprimanded, fined, transferred or suspended according to the gravity of the offence in each case.

Medical Officers and Municipal Councils.

180. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have considered the desirability of appointing Medical Officers with qualifications in public health as official members of Municipal Councils ;

(*b*) the number of times the municipal town of Trivandrum was inspected by the Sanitary Commissioner during the last three years (1101-1103) ;

(*c*) the number of times the other municipal towns were inspected by him in the year 1103 ;

(*d*) whether the Government have considered the desirability of calling upon official medical members of Municipal Councils to inspect their respective towns where there are no qualified health officers and to submit periodical reports and of insisting upon Municipal Councils to suitably remunerate them ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) This will be done whenever possible.

(*b*) Nil.

(*c*) Two of them—once.

(*d*) The answer to the first part of the question is in the negative. No remuneration can be paid to Municipal Councillors other than the President from Municipal Funds under Section 20 of the Municipal Regulation.

Admission of students in the Government Colleges.

181. **MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of applications received for admission to the Junior Intermediate Classes of His Highness the Maha Raja's Colleges of Science and of Arts, Trivandrum ;

(*b*) the number of admissions made ; and

(*c*) the number of applications rejected and the reasons for rejection ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) A statement* giving the information is laid on the table.

Outbreak of smallpox in the Trivandrum Town.

182. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*) : With reference to the outbreak of smallpox in the Trivandrum town in 1104, will the Government be pleased to state :

* *Vide* Appendix XXIX page 561.

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(*a*) the total number of attacks and deaths up to date (20-8-1104);

(*b*) the nature of the preventive and curative work carried out by the Trivandrum Municipal Council and the Sanitary Department;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that a smallpox patient jumped into the Chettikulam tank and perished;

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, whether anything has been done either by the Trivandrum Municipal Council or by the Sanitary Department to disinfect the tank; and

(*e*) whether they are aware that the public were allowed the free use of the tank even after this incident?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) There were 107 attacks and 13 deaths from smallpox in the town from the beginning of the year to the 20th Minam 1104, of which 50 attacks and 7 deaths were due to the present outbreak.

(*b*) As the preventive work in municipal towns rests solely with the Municipalities, the Sanitary Department did not do anything in the matter. The disease was confined to A and E wards of the Petta Division. All the houses in these wards were visited one after another and a list of unprotected children prepared. All persons in this list were vaccinated except those who were physically unfit for vaccination. Three out of the four vaccinators in the town were posted to this Division to do house-to-house vaccination. The people in this locality were individually advised to get revaccinated. Copies of a Malayalam pamphlet on smallpox were freely distributed in the locality. All cases were visited by the Health Officer and treatment given to those willing to avail of the same. Details regarding the latest treatment for smallpox were published in all the important newspapers. Disinfection of the house and infected materials was thoroughly carried out in the infected area.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) A notice board was immediately put up at the side of the tank prohibiting people from using the tank. A peon was also posted at the place for the same purpose. Arrangements were made immediately for completely baling out the tank and for working out certain improvements to the tank which were sanctioned by the Municipal Council. The work has now been completed.

(*e*) As stated already, the public were prohibited the use of the tank after the incident referred to.

Professorship in Sanskrit in H. H. The Maha Raja's College.

183. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) for how many years Sanskrit was taught in His Highness the Maha Raja's College by a scholar of the rank of a Professor;

(*b*) why the place was abolished and a Lecturer made to do the work of teaching;

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